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Hon. Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the PCT published application listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner may deem these documents to be relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP \$609. For your convenience, a copy of the published application is provided herewith.

This IDS is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits: Accordingly, Applicants believe that no additional fee is required. However, to the extent any fees are owed please charge our Deposit Account # 01-1125 for any fees owed now or in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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